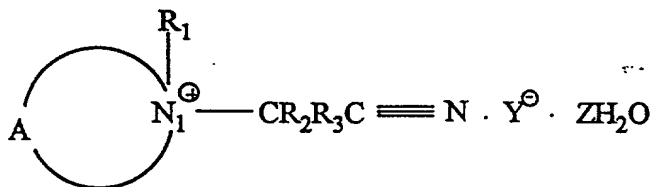


ABSTRACT

**N-ALKYL AMMONIUM ACETONITRILE SALTS,
METHODS THEREFORE AND COMPOSITIONS THEREWITH**

Substantially solid compositions are provided having therein a compound with the structure of Formula I

FORMULA I

wherein A is a saturated ring formed by a plurality of atoms in addition to the N₁ atom, the saturated ring atoms including at least one carbon atom and at least one of O, S, and N atoms, the substituent R₁ bound to the N₁ atom of the Formula I structure including either (a) a C₁₋₂₄ alkyl or alkoxyalkyl where the alkoxy is C₂₋₄, (b) a C₄₋₂₄ cycloalkyl, (c) a C₇₋₂₄ alkaryl, (d) a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyalkyl alcohol, where the alkoxy unit is C₂₋₄, or (e) -CR₂R₃C≡N where R₂ and R₃ are each H, a C₁₋₂₄ alkyl, cycloalkyl, or alkaryl, or a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyalkyl alcohol where the alkoxy unit is C₂₋₄, the R₂ and R₃ substituents being each H, a C₁₋₂₄ alkyl, cycloalkyl, or alkaryl, or a repeating or nonrepeating alkoxy or alkoxyalkyl alcohol where the alkoxy unit is C₂₋₄, Z is a value in the range of 0 to 10, and wherein Y is monovalent or multivalent and is sulfate, bisulfate, tosylate, or mixtures of sulfate and bisulfate as counterion. These compositions have reduced water uptake due to the Formula I compound. The compositions

are particularly well suited to bleaching and cleaning compositions formulated to include a source of active oxygen.

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